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of the

TOWN OF NEWPORT

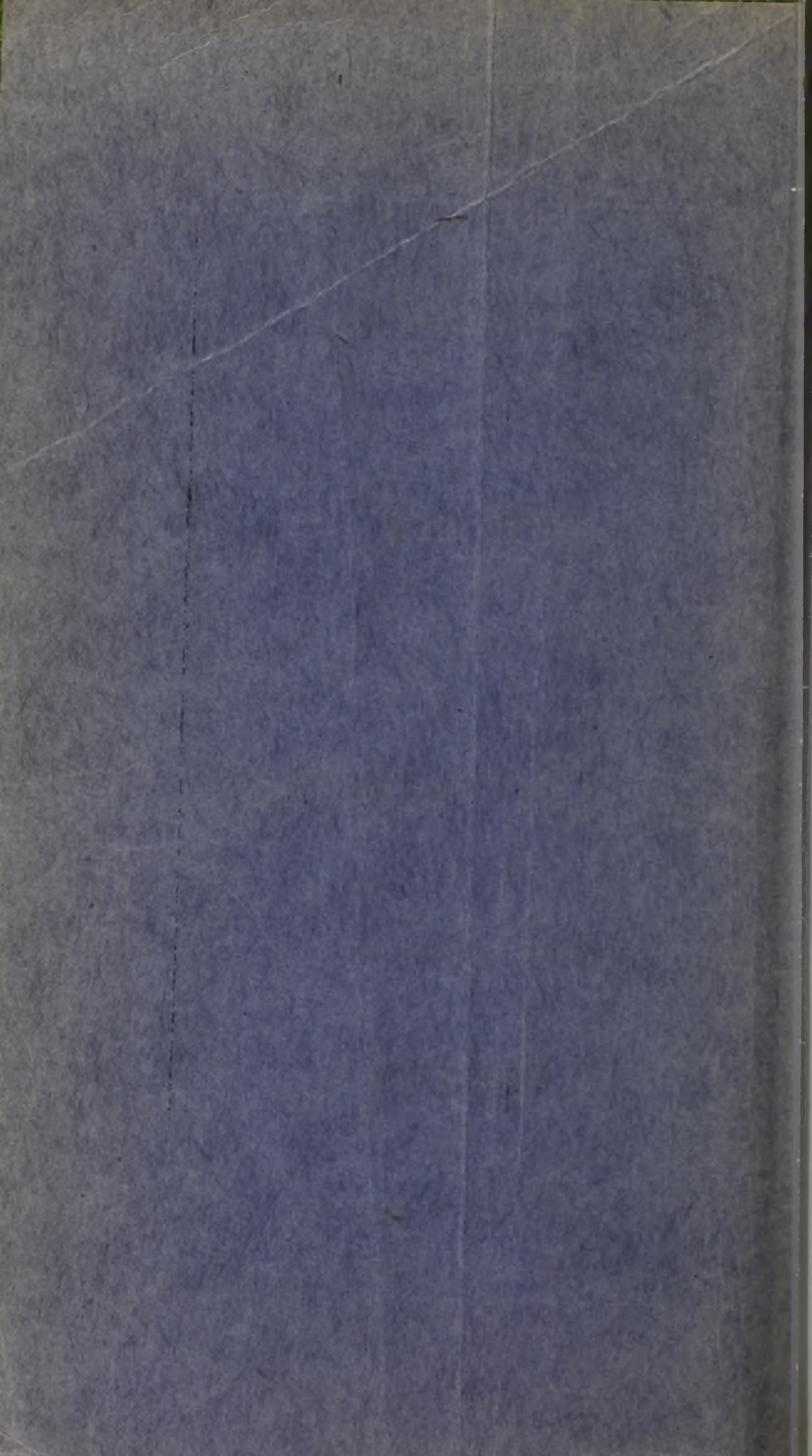
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Town Warrant

State of Maine

PENOBSCOT, SS.

To J. E. Hefferen, Constible of the town of Newport, in the County of Penobscot.

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Newport aforesaid, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the town hall, so called in said town, on Monday the first day of March, A. D. 1915 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

- Art 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art 2 To choose a Town Clerk for year ensuing.
- Art 3 To hear all reports made at said meeting and act upon the same.
- Art 4 To choose three or more Selectmen.
- Art 5 To choose three or more Overseers of the Poor.
- Art 6 To choose three or more Assessors.
- Art 7 To choose a Town Agent.
- Art 8 To choose a town Treasurer.
- Art 9 To choose a member, or members of the superintending School Committee.
- Art 10 To choose three or more persons to enforce town ordinances.
- Art 11 To choose a Chief Engineer and Assistants of the Fire Department.
- Art 12 To choose Sextons for the various cemeteries in town.
- Art 13 To choose all remaining town officers required or permitted to be chosen at the annual Town Meeting, excepting a collector of taxes, and to determine how many, if any, of the said town officers shall be appointed by the Selectmen.

- Art 14 To see if the town will determine when its tax list for 1915 shall be committed for collection; also, when taxes thus committed must be paid, and what instructions, if any, it will give relative to the same. Also to see what condition it will impose upon the Collector relative to settlement with the town and to receive bids and proposals for the collecting of the taxes for the ensuing year on such terms and conditions as may thus be determined.
- Art 15 To choose a Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year
- Art 16 To see if the town will vote to raise money, if so how much, to pay town charges and contract obligations.
- Art 17 To see if the town will vote to raise money, if so how much, to apply on debt and interest account, and for sinking fund toward the retirement of the town bonds of 1897, or what action the town will take in relation to the subject matter of this article.
- Art 18 To see if the town will vote to raise money, if so, how much, for the support of the poor outside of the town farm.
- Art 19 To see if the town will vote to raise money, if so how much, to make, construct and repair highways, bridges, ways, crosswalks and sidewalks in said town, and determine how and by whom the same shall be expended, and what shall be the per diem compensation of laborers and horses thus employed.
- Art 20 To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to state aid, as provided in section 20 of chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.
- Art 21 To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$600 for the improvement of the section of state aid road as outlined in the report of the state highway commission, in addition to the

amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges; the above amount being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of section 19 of chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

- Art 22 To see whether the town will vote to raise money, and what sum for the maintenance of state highways during the ensuing year, within the limits of the town, under the provisions of section 9 of chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.
- Art 23 To see if the town will vote to raise money, if so how much, for use and maintenance of Newport Fire Department for the ensuing year, and whom it will authorize to expend the same.
- Art 24 To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of common schools.
- Art 25 To see if the town will vote to raise money, if so how much, for the maintenance of a Free High School.
- Art 26 To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the purchase of school text books.
- Art 27 To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the purchase of school *supplies and apparatus.
- Art 28 To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for school house repairs.
- Art 29 To see if the town will vote to raise money, if so, how much, for the purchase of books and to pay the running expenses of the Free Public Library.
- Art 30 To see if the town will vote to raise money, if so, how much, for aid to the G. A. R. Post in Memorial Day observance.
- Art 31 To see if the town will vote to raise money, if so, how much, to hire a night watchman for Newport village for the year commencing April 1st., 1915; said watchman to perform the duties as heretofore required, or such as may be prescribed and required.

- Art 32 To see if the town will vote a sum of money, if so, how much, as a salary for Supt. of Schools.
- Art 33 To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money, if so, how much, to repair or make permanent road on the North Newport road so called. The same to be located and built under the direction of Road Commissioner.
- Art 34 To see if the town will vote to raise money, if so, how much, for water to sprinkle village streets.
- Art 35 To see if the town will vote to renew contract with Borden's Condensed Milk Co., for coal ashes or what action it will take in the matter.
- Art 36 To see if the town will appropriate money for support of Music in the Public Schools, if so, how much.
- Art 37 To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of one hundred dollars, as bequeathed in the will of the late Emma Rackliffe, conditional on perpetual care of the Rackliffe lot and monument in Riverside Cemetery, and assume the conditions imposed under such will.
- Art 38 To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money, if so, how much, to pay bills contracted on account of the centennial anniversary of June 13-14, 1914, in excess of the amount raised for such anniversary at the last annual town meeting; or what action it will take in relation thereto.
- Art 39 To see if the town will vote to elect a committee to negotiate with the Newport Water Company in reference to a new contract between the town and the said Water Company for water for hydrants and other municipal purposes in Newport Village for a term of years; such committee to report at a special town meeting during the present year; if so, to elect such committee; or what action it will take in relation thereto.
- Art 40 To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money, if so, how much, to build and construct a sidewalk, beginning at the existing concrete

walk at the intersection of Water and Middle streets, in Newport Village, thence easterly over and across Middle St. Bridge to the existing walk on the easterly side of Elm St., in said village. Also, a sidewalk beginning at the northerly terminus of the present concrete walk on said Elm St., near Grove St., thence extending northerly on said Elm St., and westerly on North St., to the Upper Bridge, so called; how and by whom the same shall be constructed; or what action it will take in relation to the subject matter of this article.

- Art 41 To see if the town will vote to expend all moneys, received from sale of lots in Riverside Cemetery for the improvements of said cemetery, and that the Selectmen be instructed to organize a board of trustees for the management of said moneys, legacies or donations for said improvements.
- Art 42 To see if the town will vote to blast out the ledge and repair the road near the southwest corner of the farm of R.C. Chadbourne, appropriate money and determine by whom the same shall be expended.
- Art 43 To see if the town will instruct its municipal officers to publish in their annual report the names of all tax payers, with the valuation of both real and personal estates and the amount of tax assessed on each kind separately.
- Art 44 To see if the town will vote to build a sidewalk beginning at Croxford Block and extending to Town Hall and appropriate money for same.
- Art 45 To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money, if so, how much, to build a concrete sidewalk on the south side of Main Street beginning at the Methodist Church and running west to the residence of C. E. Smith.
- Art 46 To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money, if so, how much, to build or construct a sidewalk beginning at the northerly terminus of

the present sidewalk located on the westerly side of High Street, near the residence of F. B. Burns thence northerly along the side of said street to a point near the residence of W. S. Townsend.

- Art 47 See if the town will vote to instruct the committee on Street lights to install lights at corner of Joslyn and Goodwin Streets, also, one on Summer street, near the residence of George P. Gray. Also lights on North High Street beginning at foot of Soper Hill thence northerly along said street.
- Art 48 To see if the town will choose a committee to inspect all buildings that are to be built or moved on any of its streets, to see if they are such as the Selectmen would think suitable to be placed on said streets.
- Art 49 To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to locate and build another catch basin on High Street.
- Art 50 To see if the town will vote to abate the tax of Mrs. Annie Hartford as assessed in 1914.
- Art 51 To see if the town will vote to abate the tax of O. H. Coleman as assessed in 1914.
- Art 52 To see if the town will vote to abate the tax assessed against the heirs of Wm. A. Allen, non resident in 1914.
- Art 53 To see if the town will vote to abate the tax assessed against Miss Ellen Gray in 1914.
- Art. 54 See what action the town will take, if any, to purchase a Gasoline Fire Engine for Fire Protection. If so how much, and who will it authorize to expend same.
- Art. 55 See what action the town will take to raise a sum of money to install two toilets in Town Hall.
- Art. 56 See what action the town will take to put a new floor in Town Hall. If so how much will raise for same.
- Art. 57 To see if the town will vote to instruct its Treasurer to deposit all the funds of the town, in some bank in name of the town.

- Art. 58 To see if the town will vote to buy all fuel by contract.
- Art. 59 To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Jurymen as prepared by the Selectmen and published in the town report.
- Art. 60 To see if the town will vote to abate the taxes on the E. W. Trueworthy place, on Corinna road, for a term of ten or fifteen years, said place to be converted into a general hospital and used as same.

The Selectmen will be in session at their office in the Town Hall for the purpose of revising the list of voters in said town at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, on or before the day and hour of said meeting.

E. R. Leach	}	Selectmen of Newport
D. W. Wheeler		
A. L. Gray		

Report of Municipal Officers

Town of Newport, Maine, 1914-15

ASSESSORS DEPARTMENT

Value of Real Estate.....	\$596,440.00	
Non-resident Real Estate.....	128,980.00	
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		\$ 725,420.00
Value of Resident personal property	\$151,990.00	
Value of non-resident personal property	4,690.00	
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		\$ 156,680.00
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Total Valuation, April 1, 1914...		\$ 882,100.00
Number of polls assessed 1914-495		
We assess 495 polls at \$3.00 each	\$ 1,485.00	
We assess \$882,100.00 at 28 mills	24,698.80	
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Total commitment, including supplementary tax.....		\$ 26,183.80

Appropriations for 1914-1915

Town Charges..	\$4,500.00
Town debt and interest.....	3,500.00
Support of poor outside of Town Farm	200.00
Roads and bridges deficit.....	900.00
For current expenses on road	1,500.00
State Aid highway joint fund.....	1,200.00
Additional fund.....	2,000.00
State highway maintenance.....	100.00
Fire department.....	500.00

Common schools.....	2,000.00
Free High Schools.....	1,500.00
School Text Books.....	300.00
School Supplies and Apparatus.....	350.00
Schoolhouse repairs.....	500.00
Free Public Library.....	250.00
G. A. R. Memorial Day Observance....	75.00
Night Watchman.....	600.00
Supt. of Schools.....	300.00
Music in Schools.....	200.00
Centennial Celebration.....	500.00
Culvert, Wedgewood's Corner.....	150.00
Sidewalk, West side High Street.....	100.00

Amount by raised Town.....	\$ 21,225.00
Amount assessed for State Tax.....	\$3,983.11
Amount assessed for County Tax.....	857.50
Overlayings assessed.....	105.19
Supplementary commitment.....	13.00

\$ 4,958.80

\$ 26,183.80

Department of Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor

TOWN CHARGE ACCOUNT

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Amount raised for Town Charges.....	\$4,500.00
Town Debt and Int.	3,500.00
Support of Poor out-	
side of Town.....	200.00
Village Night Watch	600.00
Free Public Library..	250.00
G. A. R. Memorial	
Day.....	75.00
Overlayings.....	105.19

Supplementary Tax.....	\$ 13.00
Amount raised for Centennial Anniversary Celebration	500.00
Sidewalk, West side	
High Street...	100.00
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	\$ 9,843.19

Cash from Town of St. Albans, account	
E. W. Pratt	\$ 34.25
Cash from Town of Kenduskeag, account	
Matilda Morey.....	8.50
Cash from Town of Etna, account Chas.	
Cothran	5.00
J. E. Hefferen, Hall Rent.....	34.50
E. R. Leach, shaving sold.....	.30
E. R. Leach, account Philena Downs...	629.06
E. R. Leach, account Poll Taxes, 1913	6.00
Sale of Licenses.....	14.00
H. W. Brackett, sale of lots, Riverside	
Cemetery	47.00
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Available.....	\$ 778.61
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	\$ 10,236.27

Town Charge Account

INCIDENTALS

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Paid A. W. Lander, printing town reports.....	\$ 76.50
C. T. Libby, labor on furnace, Town Hall.....	3.20
E. R. Leach, expenses to Augusta before State	
Highway Commission.....	5.50
Loring Short & Harmon, blanks for Select-	
men's office.....	11.90
F. E. Adams, wood for lockup.....	4.50
Jordan & Nutter, Oil Suit for cleaning catch	
basins	2.50
H. L. Brown, repairs on Town Hall.....	17.10

H. L. Brown, damage to building.....	\$ 2.00
Fernald & Wheeler, Dustvoid for Town Hall...	1.00
C. T. Libby, clerk hire.....	9.00
A. W. Lander, printing dog notices.....	.60
O. E. Libby, surveying school house lot and expenses to Bangor.....	8.40
Flora Caverly, cleaning Selectmen's office	1.50
Newell White, blanks for Supt. Schools.....	1.50
Loring, Short & Harmon, blanks for Supt. of Schools	5.65
Wm. C. McCue, telephone and postage.....	8.71
A. C. Getchell, services as ballot clerk June 15	2.00
A. C. Getchell, police duty June 13 and July 4	4.00
F. W. Reid, police duty June 13.....	2.00
C. W. Brann, police duty June 13 and July 4	4.00
W. L. Tilton, police duty June 13, 14 and July 4.....	6.00
W. A. McKenney, 6 granite posts for school house grounds.....	8.70
A. W. Lander, stationery Selectmen's office...	2.00
F. E. Hallowell, police duty June 13.....	2.00
J. E. Hefferen, services as day constable	5.00
Fred Pushor, police duty June 13, 14 and July 4.	6.00
Guy H. Hunt, services as election clerk June 15	2.00
Loring, Short & Harmon, blanks for Town Clerk?.....	3.25
Wallace M. Stuart, police duty.....	2.00
John Morey, police duty.....	4.00
I. R. Pratt, labor on fish screen.....	1.00
A. E. Ellis, services as ballot clerk Sept. 14...	2.00
E. R. Leach, before State Assessors, Bangor...	3.95
Geo. L. Murray, Auto signs	10.40
F. E. Adams, police duty June 13.....	2.00
F. E. Adams, services as election clerk June 15 and Sept. 14.....	4.00
W. E. Wilson, ballot clerk Sept. 14	2.00
Hanson & Pingree, repairs Town Hall	1.00
Hanson & Pingree, repairs, Lockup.....	1.43

F. R. Coburn, ballot clerk.....	4.00
J. R. Watson, police duty June 13.....	2.00
Newport Water Co., water for sprinkling streets	50.00
C. W. Brann, care fish screen	24.00
G. C. Soper, police duty.....	2.00
E. R. Dow, police duty and money paid out...	20.74
F. B. Williams, wood for Hall and Lockup.....	14.00
Judkins & Gilman, repairs Town Hall.....	8.71
H. W. Leavitt, repairs Town Hall	3.50
A. R. Blaisdell, police duty.....	2.00
A. E. Woodman, wood for Lockup	5.50
R. A. Deering & Son, repairs Town Hall.....	.70
F. I. Pushor, trucking.....	1.80
E. R. Leach, postage and telephone bills.....	5.70
E. R. Leach, public watering tub.....	5.00
Walter Nason, sawing wood.....	1.00
F. N. Merrill, exp. post. and stationery.....	1.54
F. N. Merrill, copying three permits.....	1.50
J. O. Gilman, postage.....	2.00
G. M. Barrows, supplies selectmen's office.....	1.35
W. C. McCue, tel. and postage.....	10.25
J. E. Hefferen, team hire and truant officer...	2.50
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	\$410.08

TOWN OFFICER'S BILLS

H. M. Wardwell, auditor 1913-1914	\$ 5.00
E. R. Leach, services as selectman 1913-14	14.00
A. L. Gray, " " "	10.00
D. W. Wheeler, " " "	10.00
A. L. Gray, " " 1914-15	114.50
E. R. Leach, " " "	265.00
J. E. Hefferen, chief fire department	25.00
F. N. Merrill, town clerk	20.00
J. O. Gilman, treasurer	50.00
D. W. Wheeler, selectman 1914-15	99.00

J. E. Oakes, collector of taxes, commission	
on \$26,183.80 @1½ %	\$ 392.75
W. H. Mitchell, town agent	90.30
J. E. Hefferen, constable	10.00
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	\$1,105.55

Births, Marriages and deaths

F. N. Merrill, recording 39 births, 23	
marriages and 31 deaths.....	\$ 13.95
O. R. Emerson reporting 19 births and	
15 deaths.....	8.50
J. J. Sewall, reporting 13 births and	
12 deaths....	6.25
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	\$28.70

Insurance

G. M. Barrows, town hall.....	\$57.60
W. R. Morrill, town farm buildings.....	37.50
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	\$95.10

NEWPORT WATER CO

Paid G. M. Barrows.....	\$810.00
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	\$810.00

CONTRACT & ABATEMENTS

F. E. Adams, 1912 Annie Hartford.....	\$ 19.00
J. E. Oakes, 1913 Rose E. Marsh, Annie	
Hartford and O. H. Coleman.....	72.80
Borden's Condensed Milk Co.....	50.00
J. E. Oakes, Kingsbury Mfg. Co.....	9.80
J. E. Oakes, Newport Box & Novelty Co...	48.30
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	\$199.90

ALLOWED BY SELECTMEN

Jesse S. Allard, paid in Corinna.....	\$ 3.00
Nelson Crossman, no good.....	3.00
Geo. DeBeck, non-resident.....	3.00
Walter Elkins, unable to pay.....	3.00
W. E. Simpson, paid in Dixmont.....	3.00
A. E. Hayes, old age.....	3.00
B. C. Miller, old age	3.00
Samuel Moore, left town.....	3.00
Leslie Miller, paid in Corinna.....	3.00
Howard M. Pearson, not found.....	3.00
A. W. Prescott, paid in Stetson.....	3.00
J. F. Sharp, sick	3.00
Medford Williams, paid in Plymouth.....	3.00
W. E. Gipson, did not pay.....	3.00
Almeda C. Babcock, error.....	1.40
Fannie Barnes, sick.....	2.80
Ella Moore, unable to pay.....	1.40
Chas. P. Mathews, error.....	1.40
Geo. McKenney, unable to pay.....	3.50
Geo. A. Palmer, gone.....	5.10
Claude C. Richardson.....	2.10
Jas. A. Sanborn, unable to pay.....	8.18
Perley Soule, error.....	1.96
H. H. Stubbs, skipped	31.00
Harry H. Smith, skipped	6.50
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	\$107.34
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	\$307.24

Board of Health

Paid H. M. Wardwell, services.....	\$ 5.00
E. W. Smith, "	9.00
A. W. Lander, printing notices.....	1.55
C. B. Osborne, team hire.....	8.00
L. H. White, service and supplies.....	46.00
G. M. Barrows, disinfectant.....	12.40
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	\$81.95

Cemetery Account

Paid B. P. Patten, care of North Newport Cemetery	\$10.00	
W. J. Whitten, care Tilton Cemetery	2.50	
A. E. Woodman, care Shaw "	2.00	
W. Lawrence, care two East Newport Cemeteries.....	6.00	
H. W. Brackett, care Riverside Cemetery	20.00	
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		\$40.50

STREET LIGHTING

Newport Light & Power Co.	\$999.60	
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		\$999.60

BROWN TAIL MOTHS

A. L. Gray and men.....	\$ 74.92	
A. L. Gray and men, charged to A.G. Osborne.....	3.00	
A. W. Lander, printing notices	6.25	
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		\$84.17

**SUPPORT OF POOR
DR.**

Appropriation by town.....	\$ 200.00	
Unexpended balance 1913-1914.....	44.28	
Rec'd from St. Albans account of E. W. Pratt.....	34.25	
Rec'd from Etna account of Chas. Cothran.....	5.00	
Due from State.....	38.50	
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		\$322.03

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J. J. McVetty, medical attendance	
E. W. Pratt family.....	\$ 10.00
City of Lewiston, Geo. W. Hines.....	20.60
F. P. Cook, supplies Chas. Cothran family	5.00
F. B. Burns, auto hire Chas. Brown case	15.00
L. B. Soper, clothing Chas. Brown.....	29.25
E. R. Leach, expenses to Brighton,	
Bangor & W. Pownal.....	11.70
J. E. Hefferen, Brown case.....	6.20
J. J. Sewall medical attendance	
G. E. Sanborn.....	14.25
F. E. Adams, wood for Prince York.....	4.50
E. R. Dow, time and expenses Brown case	7.00
L. H. White, medical attendance	
Ruth Loring.....	3.00
Fernald & Wheeler, supplies for Prince	
York and mother.....	2.66
Jordan & Nutter, supplies for Prince York	9.00
O. R. Emerson, medical attendance	
Ruth Loring.....	35.00
E. C. Wardwell & Co., supplies for	
Prince York and mother.....	4.00
A. G. Shorey, shoes for Prince York.....	2.50
O. R. Emerson, medical attendance	
town farm.....	8.00
Unexpended balance.....	134.37
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	\$322.03

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

DR.

Appropriation by town.....	\$300.00
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	\$300.00
	CR.
Paid W. C. McCue.....	\$300.00
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	\$300.00

VILLAGE NIGHT WATCH

DR.

Appropriation.....	\$600 00	
	<u> </u>	\$600.00

CR.

Paid J. E. Hefferen.....	\$600.00	
	<u> </u>	\$600.00

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

DR.

Appropriation	\$250.00	
Unexpended balance, 1913-1914.....	60.56	
Rec'd from State.....	25.00	
	<u> </u>	\$335.56

CR.

Paid W. R. Morrill, treasurer.....	\$300.00	
Unexpended balance.....	35.56	
	<u> </u>	\$335.56

G. A. R. MEMORIAL DAY

DR.

Appropriation	\$75.00	
	<u> </u>	\$75.00

CR.

Paid F. M. Roberts.....	\$75.00	
	<u> </u>	\$75.00

Fire Department

DR.

Appropriation	\$500.00
Rec'd from Detroit.....	23.00
Overdrawn	133.14

\$656.14

CR.

Overdrawn, 1913-1914.....	\$ 6.26
Paid D. A. Stackpole, hauling fire engine	3.00
G. M. Barrows, supplies.....	3.28
F. I. Pushor, freight and trucking...	2.56
D. E. Larrabee ,coal.....	37.00
A. W. Lander, printing fire hazard notices.....	2.50
F. M. Reid, labor and material.....	14.35
J. E. Hefferen, roll calls	357.87
Henry K. Barnes, hose.....	149.00
Henry K. Barnes, expansion rings ..	5.00
F. L. Warren, belts	6.00
Ralph Goodrich, labor	3.00
A. E. Ellis, labor	6.60
Hanson & Pingree, supplies.....	6.22
Chas. Merrill, fire M. C. Heater car.	1.00
Cedric Soper, " "90
Earle Furbush " "90
Chas. Holbrook " "90
N. E. T. & T. Co., telephone	10.00
John Morey, repairs.....	2.50
Judkins & Gilman Co., supplies.....	6.05
Mark Wentworth, roll calls and supplies	18.50
A. E. Woodman, wood.....	3.00
A. G. Shorey, rubber boots	9.75

\$656.14

Town Debt and Interest

DR.

Appropriation.....	\$3,500.00
Temporary Loan.....	1,000.00
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	\$4,500.00

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Kenduskeag Trust Co.....	\$1,000.00
Howard Crosby, interest on note to June 2, 1914.....	24.75
Frances E. Miles interest on orders 170-171 to June 12, 1914.....	54.00
Kenduskeag Trust Co. interest on temporary loan.....	37.83
J. O. Gilman, interest on Dec. bonds..	740.00
J. O. Gilman, interest on Oct. bonds..	600.00
H. L. Miles order to refund orders 170-171 to Francis E. Miles dated June 12, 1909.....	1,200.00
H. L. Miles interest on orders 170- 171	31.50
J. O Gilman, guardian, Howard Crosby note.....	566.50
J. O. Gilman interest on school fund..	144.00
Unexpended balance	101.42
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	\$4,500.00

State Highway Maintenance

DR

Appropriation	\$100.00
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	\$100.00

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Paid State Highway Department.....	100.00	
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The State appropriated \$159.22		
making a joint fund of.....	259.22	
	<hr/>	\$259.22
Expended by State.....	\$200.65	
Balance in hands of state.....	58.57	
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Report of Town Farm Agent

Feb. 1 to April 1, 1914 C. B. Bowden, Agent

RECEIPTS

For damage to hay warp.....	\$5.00
Rec'd for milk.....	42.17
Rec'd from C. B. Bowden.....	53.82
Rec'd from Sebasticook Lumber Co.....	60.35
Balance against farm.....	314.47
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	\$475.81

EXPENDITURES

Paid Weymouth Wool Co., fertilizer 1913...	\$151.00
Wm. A. McKenney, labor.....	12.75
A. W. Littlefield Co.....	5.60
C. B. Bowden, Agt.....	66.66
F. B. Burns, bal. on farming tools.....	8.75
E. O. Spaulding, for meat.....	6.01
Geo. Derby, butter.....	1.80
Hanson & Pingree, supplies.....	6.46
Judkins & Gilman Co., feed.....	82.10
Fernald & Wheeler, groceries.....	4.12
Jas. Sanborn fish.....	1.08
C. W. Getchell, feed.....	20.27
F. L. Brown, stock 1913.....	107.00
Harry Carson, jobbing.....	2.21
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	\$475.81

From April 1, 1914 to Feb. 1, 1915 C. S. Ramsay, Agent

Receipts

For Milk.....	\$281.97
Stock sold.....	200.40
Sweet Corn.....	55.82
Eggs.....	39.54
Poultry.....	34.54
Board of Mrs. Erskine.....	24.00

Potatoes.....	173.00
Balance against farm.....	522.24
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	\$1,331.51

EXPENDITURES

C. S. Ramsay Agent.....	375.00
For Groceries.....	239.86
Feed.....	330.29
Dry goods and clothing	7.16
Seed.....	53.50
Hardware and crockery.....	69.09
Hay.....	52.93
Veterinary services and medicine.....	3.75
Spray for Potatoes.....	10.75
Micellaneous.....	16.49
4 tons fertilizer.....	150.00
Shoeing and jobbing.....	12.19
Pasturing.....	10.50
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	\$1,331.51

Amount of personal property on hand

Feb. 1, 1914..... 2,538.93

Amount of personal property on hand

Feb. 1, 1915..... 2,387.93

Shrinkage.....\$150.95

Balance against farm under Bowden.....\$314.47

Balance against farm under Ramsay..... 522.24

Shrinkage on personal property 150.95

\$987.66

Supported on farm

Cordelia Peavey, age 80 years, 52 weeks

Philena Downs, age 80 years, 52 weeks

State Aid Highway

DR.

Appropriation.....	\$2,972.00
Appropriation by state.....	1,065.00
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	\$4,037.00

CR.

Paid by town.....	\$ 625.80
Paid by state.....	3,325.23
Unexpended bal. in hands of state	85.97
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	\$4,037.00

Roads and Bridges

DR.

Appropriation.....	\$2,400.00
Appropriation for state aid highway not allowed by state.....	228.00
Rec'd from state highway maintenance	7.40
Overdrawn	327.16
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	\$2,962.56

CR.

Overdrawn 1913.....	\$ 639.94
Paid Everett Doyle, labor.....	14.00
Fred Adams, labor.....	16.35
C. R. Young.....	18.63
Zack. Newcomb.....	7.00
W. W. Brown, self & team.....	53.30
C. W. Prilay, self & lumber	18.50
J. S. Williams, self & team.....	47.85
Berger Mfg. Co., metal culverts 1913	274.60
J. W. Luce, self & team.....	48.40
Frank Ireland, self & team.....	33.55
L. G. Burgess, labor.....	2.60
A. W. Littlefield Co.....	1.60

F. E. Adams, self and team.....	\$ 61.13
B. P. Patten, self and team.....	8.40
Robert Brooks self and team.....	37.45
Carrie F. Speed, boarding men.....	4.50
Geo. M. Bowes, self and team.....	11.00
A. E. Woodman, self and team....	19.20
J. E. Marsh, self and team.....	4.00
C. R. Grindell, self and team.....	17.00
Fred Worthen, self and team.....	12.60
Hanson & Pingree, material.....	62.57
T. S. Nason, labor.....	4.00
J. B. Marsh, labor.....	1.00
Clarence Abbott, self and team.....	8.45
A. G. Stuart, labor.....	2.40
G. A. Burns, labor.....	25.85
S. P. Ireland, self and team.....	26.71
Cleveland Hersey, labor.....	4.60
H. D. Littlefield, self and team....	10.40
Geo. W. Stuart, self and team.....	5.80
Chas. Adams, labor.....	4.40
Harry H. Smith, labor.....	8.00
F. J. Richardson, labor.....	17.50
F. A. Richardson, self and team...	15.95
W. M. Furbush, self and team	133.22
John Stevens, labor.....	6.00
R. C. Bartlett, labor.....	3.35
T. L. Hanson, labor	1.00
Louis N. Johonnett, labor.....	5.25
A. L. Gray, self and team.....	48.00
C. A. Knight, self and team break- ing sidewalks, 1913.....	23.80
C. A. Knight, self and team break- ing sidewalks after Mar. 1.....	3.60
Geo. P. Gray, labor.....	3.00
G. C. Soper, labor.....	70.50
United Construction Co., steel road drag.....	35.00
I. G. Leathers, labor.....	3.20
David Bruce, labor.....	4.66

Chas. Stevens, labor.....	\$ 2.00
Percy York, labor.....	2.00
Frank Ray, labor	2.00
Chas. Merrill, labor.....	.88
Louis Cook, labor.....	.88
F. B. Williams, self and team.....	4.50
G. M. Cochran, self and team.....	24.00
L. A. Pennell, self and team... ..	34.00
Joseph Williams, self and team....	61.50
Chas. A. Smith, labor.....	4.37
D. W. Wheeler, self and team.....	186.60
E. R. Leach, self and man	30.40
M. C. R. R., freight on plank.....	13.60
Morse & Co., bridge plank.....	117.60
L. A. Luce, self and team.....	33.50
D. E. Larrabee, labor.....	2.00
Wm. A. McKenney, labor.....	43.09
Harold B. Carson, labor.....	3.00
John Coburn, labor.....	1.75
Ivan Gray, labor.....	3.00
C. M. Loud, self and team.....	47.80
Willis Robinson, self and team.....	27.50
John Morey, repairs, road machine	13.00
G. H. Prilay, self and team.....	15.90
Percy L. York, labor.....	5.50
L. D. Babb, building catch basin..	9.85
Sebasticook Lumber Co., lumber...	24.28
W. H. Miles, labor.....	.90
H. E. Turner, self and team.....	38.00
W. B. Cookson, labor.....	2.00
A. R. Blaisdell, self and team.....	21.80
Harry Brooks, labor.....	8.46
C. R. Small, labor.....	2.00
J. R. Watson, labor.....	1.50
I. R. Pratt, labor	4.00
F. R. Coburn, self and team.....	34.00
Harry Carson, jobbing.....	15.15
Tuffel Londry, labor.....	18.75
F. M. Reid, jobbing.....	2.25

Judkinks & Gilman Co., material..	\$ 14.76
L. P. Folsom, labor.....	3.40
Wilbur E. Gray, labor.....	18.00
C. R. Ireland & Co., nails.....	.60
S. A. Pearl, labor.....	8.25
M. C. R. R. Co., demurrage.....	1.00
Thompson & Shannon, gravel.....	11.00
M. C. Folsom, labor.....	7.00
Nina Shepardson, man and team..	23.13
Zach. Knight, self and team.....	9.20
Wm. Conners, labor.....	11.38
W. H. Blanchard, self and team...	6.55
Walter Nason, labor.....	2.62
A. M. Morrill, self and team	9.00
J. H. Budge, self and team.....	15.75
Ray Lander, labor.....	1.00
Alvin Penney.....	1.00
Small and Ingalls, crushing stone.	63.50
H. L. Brown, labor.....	2.00

\$2,962.56

CENTENNIAL ACCOUNT

DR.

Appropriation by town.....	\$500.00
Overdrawn	264.23

\$764.23

CR.

Paid A. W. Lander	\$ 67.50
W. E. Rackliffe, Treasurer.....	696.73

\$764.23

CONTRACT AT WEDGEWOOD'S CORNER

DR.

Appropriation by town.....	\$150.00
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\$150.00

CR.

Paid Addison Cookson, labor	\$ 21.00
Hadley Cookson.....	16.80
Bert Tapley.....	35.00
E. A. Nickerson.....	5.27
T. P. Hope.....	36.00
Henry Cookson.....	29.75
Unexpended.....	6.18
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	\$150.00

Maine Street Extension

The town at a special meeting, voted to hire \$1,550, but instead we paid it out of town debt and interest money, with permission from State Highway Department to apply the State Aid Highway money, for 1915, on same.

Paid Small & Ingalls.....	\$1,550.00
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	\$1,550.00

SIDEWALK, NORTH SIDE HIGH STREET

DR.

Appropriation by town.....	\$100.00
Unexpended.....	\$100.00

Common School Fund

DR.

Appropriation by town.....	\$2,000.00
Interest on School Fund.....	144.00
Common School Fund.....	1,466.59
School Fund and Mill Tax.....	1,632.62
R. R. and Tel. Tax.....	28.19
Tuition.....	56.10
Unexpended, 1913-1914.....	93.86
Overdrawn.....	222.38
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	\$5,643.74

CR.

Amount paid teachers.....	\$3,337.20
Amount paid for conveyance.	1,028.50
Amount paid for janitor service.....	452.75
Amount paid for fuel.....	825.29
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	\$5,643.74

COMMON SCHOOL TEACHERS SALARIES

Myrtie Goss.....	\$ 18.00
Edith Olmsted.....	384.00
Mabel Dresser.....	381.60
Ethel Thurlow.....	140.00
Mrs. C. R. Purrinton.....	35.40
Agnes Dow.....	117.00
Florence Blaisdell.....	288.00
Arolin Greenway.....	162.40
Helen Wheeler.....	320.00
Mina Cary.....	160.00
Annie W. Cowie.....	99.00
Eva Hilton.....	100.00
Jessie Gray	202.80
Madeline Walker.....	18.00
Vera Gray.....	204.00
Beulah Crowell.....	99.00
Leroy Thomas	63.00
Mary C. Tardy.....	189.00
Mary Tasker.....	72.00
Emma Bodge.....	108.00
Geo. F. Currier.....	104.00
Marion Arey.....	72.00
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	\$3,337.20

SCHOOL CONVEYANCE ACCOUNT

Paid F. E. & H. Mabel Prescott.....	\$277.50
A. M. Morrill.....	315.00
L. A. Scott.....	122.50
John Mullen.....	155.00

G. H. Prilay.....	\$ 33.00
F. B. Williams.....	115.50
Catherine Londry.....	10.00

\$1,028.50

SCHOOL JANITOR ACCOUNT

Paid T. D. Harris.....	\$382.00
Florence Blaisdell	5.50
Chas. Burton	1.00
Mrs. J. E. Patten.....	12.00
Annie W. Cowie.....	5.50
Ethel Thurlow.....	2.75
J. E. Morrill.....	6.00
Leroy Thomas.....	3.50
Mary L. Tardy.....	3.00
Gladys Langley.....	5.50
Beulah Crowell.....	5.50
Geo. F. Currier.....	6.50
Harold Luce	5.00
Willie Wyman.....	5.00
Marion Arey.....	4.00

\$452.75

SCHOOL FUEL ACCOUNT

Paid C. A. Knight	\$168.38
D. E. Larrabee	579.00
Mrs. J. E. Patten	6.00
H. L. Brown	4.00
Ernest L. Gray	19.25
C. C. Stewart	12.00
Lucian Luce	20.00
F. R. Coburn	16.66

\$825.29

SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS

DR.

Appropriations by town.....	\$500.00
Overdrawn	60.15

 \$560.15

CR.

Overdrawn, 1913-1914.....	\$279.51
Paid L. W. Ames, desk and chair.....	12.00
A. W. Littlefield Co., material.....	4.16
R. J. Weeks, labor and cash paid.....	11.28
Florence Blaisdell, cleaning schoolhouse	3.60
Sears, Roebuck & Co., furniture and supplies.....	52.09
H. L. Brown, labor, East Newport....	4.00
Snow & Neally Co., flags	8.20
T. Harris, labor.....	28.80
Mrs. J. E. Patten, cleaning schoolhouse	4.00
C. F. McCully, flag pole.....	7.50
F. I. Pushor, freight and trucking....	6.63
C. A. Gray, labor, North Newport....	7.40
S. P. Ireland.....	6.85
C. E. Garland, labor.....	3.00
Hanson & Pingree, repair supplies....	33.06
F. M. Reid.....	3.00
Judkins & Gilman Co., repair supplies	51.97
Mark Wentworth, labor	1.98
A. C. Bradbury, repair supplies.....	15.50
R. A. Deering & Son.....	15.62

 \$560.15

SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND APPARATUS ACCOUNT DR

Appropriation by town.....	\$ 350.00
Overdrawn	28.56

\$ 378.56

CR

Amount overdrawn 1913-1914.....	\$ 103.01
Paid A. W. Lander, printing.....	67.65
Underwood Typewriter Co., one type-	
writer.....	50.00
R. H. Dyer, Phonograph.....	5.00
R. H. Dyer, Pictures.....	9.41
F. I. Pushor, freight and trucking....	2.56
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies.....	5.69
E. E. Babb & Co.....	18.59
Educational Supply Co.....	2.09
Milton Bradley Co.....	3.83
Beal Press.....	.75
Sears, Roebuck & Co.....	5.03
Royal Typewriter Co., one typewriter	50.00
Leslie Jones, school supplies.....	1.50
Shaw Business College, diplomas.....	2.00
Loring, Short & Harmon, supplies...	4.50
H. N. Palmer.....	7.54
Hanson & Pingree.....	2.16
Commercial Press.....	4.00
E. C. Wardwell & Co.....	7.62
Harry Merrill.....	3.91
G. M. Barrows.....	20.40
Wm. C. McCue, freight and express	1.36

\$ 378.56

SCHOOL AND TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT DR

Appropriation by Town.....	\$ 300.00
Books sold.....	1.00

\$ 301.00

CR

Overdrawn, 1913-1914	\$ 86.93
Paid J. L. Hammett Co.	7.50
E. E. Babb & Co.	38.38
Harper & Bros.	13.50
Doublay, Page & Co.	4.37
Benj. H. Sanborn.	30.25
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	6.62
Ellis Publishing Co.	22.47
Ginn & Co.	41.00
W. C. McCue, Tel. & Exp.	1.72
C. R. Purington, books.	3.90
F. I. Pushor, express and trucking.	1.39
Arthur J. Barnes Pub. Co.	8.00
A. N. Palmer Co.	3.20
Silver, Burdett & Co.	2.56
American Book Co.	6.64
D. C. Heath & Co.	18.59
Unexpended balance.	3.98

\$ 301.00

FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

DR

Appropriation by Town.	\$1,500.00
Received from State	500.00
Received for tuition.	60.00

\$2,060.00

CR

Overdrawn 1913-1914.	\$ 99.94
Paid Julia A. Campbell.	482.00
C. R. Purington.	1,055.50
Madeline Walker.	172.00
T. D. Harris, Janitor service.	50.00
D. E. Larrabee, coal.	50.00
Unexpended balance.	150.56

\$2,060.00

MUSIC IN SCHOOLS

DR

Appropriation by Town.	\$ 200.00
Unexpended balance, 1913-1914.....	62.88

\$ 262.88

CR

Paid Gertrude Thorne.....	\$ 200.00
Unexpended balance.....	62.88

\$ 262.88

Summary of Orders Drawn Including Department of Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor

Town Charge Account.....	\$4,960.94
Support of Poor.....	187.66
Night Watch.....	600.00
Supt. of Schools.....	300.00
Free Public Library.....	300.00
G.*A. R. Memorial Day.....	75.00
Fire Dept.....	649.88
Town Debt and Interest.....	4,398 58
Maintenance State Highway.....	100.00
State Highway....	2,972.00
Roads and Bridges.....	2,322.62
Centennial.....	764.23
Culvert, Wedgewood's Corner.....	143.82
Main Street Extension.....	1,556.00

\$ 19,321.73

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Common Schools.....	\$5,643.74
Free High Schools.....	1,809.50
School Supplies and Apparatus.....	275.55
School Text Books.....	210.09

School House Repairs.....	\$280.64	
Music in Schools.....	200.00	
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		\$ 8,419.52
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Total amount orders drawn		\$27,744.25
Old orders paid.....		803.10
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		\$28,547.35
Orders paid and returned by J. O. Gil-		
man, Treasurer.....	\$27,298.63	
Outstanding orders.....	1,248.72	
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		\$28,547.35

STANDING OF THE TOWN

Liabilities

Due Trustees of Common School Funds	\$ 2,400.00	
Outstanding Bonds, Dec. 1, 1897.....	21,000.00	
Interest on same.....	380.00	
Outstanding bonds, Oct. 1 1910.....	15,000.00	
Interest on same.....	150.00	
Homer L. Miles, order 575, Jan. 16,		
1915, refund of orders 170-		
171, Frances E. Miles, dat-		
ed June 12, 1909.....	1,200.00	
Interest on same.....	2.00	
Due for street lights.....	84.50	
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		\$ 40,216.50

Assets

Due from State, refund dog licenses		
estimated.....	\$100.00	
Due from State account Ruth Loring	38.50	
Due for tax deeds.....	294.12	
Cash in Waterville Trust Co.....	168.19	
Due for milk, Town Farm.....	37.37	
Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	3,017.00	
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	\$3,655.18	
Liabilities over assets.....	36,561.32	
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\$ 40,216.50

E. R. Leach	}	Selectmen of Newport
D. W. Wheeler		
A. L. Gray		

Treasurer,s Report

of the Town of Newport, for the year Ending Feb. 6, 1915

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand at the last Report.....	\$ 3,134.18
from Waterville Trust Co.....	168.18
the Town of St. Albans	34.25
the Town of Kenduskeag.....	8.50
the Town of Etna.....	5.00
G. W. Thomas, tuition.....	13.05
F. M. Peasley, tuition.....	20.00
I. W. Jones, tuition.....	26.50
Lona Dyer, tuition.....	20.00
Harry Friend, tuition	8.85
Thelma Littlefield, tuition.....	7.70
Mildred Smith, tuition.....	20.00
J. E. Hefferen, Hall Rent	34.50
J. E. Oakes, Account of Abatement....	3.00
Town Farm	42.17
C. B. Bowden, Account Town Farm...	53.82
E. R. Leach, Shavings Sold.....	.30
E. R. Leach, Damage to Hay Warp....	5.00
E. R. Leach, Account Philena Downs	629.06
Sebasticook Lumber Co.....	60.35
Pearl Ireland, Tax 1913.....	3.00
C. L. Pierce, Tax 1913.....	3.00
W. C. McCue, Book sold	1.00
Newport Fire Dept. Account Detroit Fire	23.00
Kenduskeag Trust Co.....	1,000.00
F. N. Merrill, % Dog Licenses.....	120.00
Pool Room License.....	10.00
Circus License.....	4.00
H. W. Brackett, Lots Sold Riverside Cemetery.....	47.00
M. C. R. R., Damage to Seats.....	2.00

State Treasurer, Free Public Library...	\$ 25.00
% State Aid.....	399.00
% Highway Dept.....	7.40
Dog Tax Refunded.....	93.41
R. R. and Tel. Tax....	28.19
Free High Schools.....	500.00
Common School Fund	1,466.59
School Fund & Mill	
Tax.....	1,632.62
J. E. Oakes, Collector.....	26,183.80
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	\$ 35,843.42

EXPENDITURES

Paid County Tax, 1914.....	\$ 857.50
State Tax.....	3,983.11
State Aid.....	399.00
State Treasurer, Dog Licenses, 1914.....	120.00
Town Orders, 1914.....	27,298.63
Cash in Waterville Trust Co.....	168.18
Cash in my hands.....	3,017.00
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	\$ 35,843.42

J. O. Gilman, Treasurer of Newport

Town order with interest paid to April 5, 1915...\$ 2,400.00
 J. O. Gilman, Treasurer of Newport

Examined and found correct. H. M. Wardwell, Auditor.

**List of Jurors as prepared by Municipal Officers,
Treasurer and Town Clerk**

Adams, Frank E.	Jenkins, Sylvanus A.
Burns, Forester B.	Loud, Chas. M.
Butterfield, Albert	Luce, Lucian A.
Bennett, Geo. W.	Miles, Homer L.
Caverly, A. Leslie	Prilay, Geo. H.
Hope, Theo. P.	Soper, G. Clarence
Hoyt, Frank L.	Stuart, Wilson M.
Hilliker, Dinsmore S.	Wardwell, Hubert M.
Ireland, Samuel P.	Young, Chas. E.
Jordan, Edward	

List in Jury Box not drawn and eligible to serve

Boyd, David C.	Morrill, Alfred M.
Burgess, Adolphus O.	Palmer, Robert R.
Cary, Perley E.	Patten, Byron P.
Lewis, Jasper L.	White, Marcellus P.
Gray, Adelbert L.	Weeks, Roscoe J.
Oakes, Judson E.	

**REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE NEWPORT
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Year Ending Feb. 9, 1915

Whole number of books in library 2,745

Classification

Agriculture.....	14
Biography.....	24
Fiction	1967
History	145
Literature	66
Science.....	24
Maine Registers	30
Maine Reports	141
Miscellaneous	334

2745

306 volumes have been added since Feb. 9, 1914.

50 volumes have been withdrawn as useless.

Whole number of volumes loaned, 9079

The library has been opened 105 afternoons and evenings.

Mina S. Cary, Librarian

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Superintendent School Committee :

Mr. Chairman :

I herewith present my second annual report of schools. I also have the pleasure of submitting a high school report by Carl R. Purinton and a report from the supervisor of Music, Miss Gertrude Thorne.

During the year an effort has been made to re-adjust the grades. Especially in the village schools, it was found that it required at least ten years for the completion of the common school studies. As a result, a relatively large number of pupils are found to be over age in the different grades, which proved to be particularly true of the boys. This resulted in a process of elimination so that few reached the upper grades. As an example, there was an enrolment last year of thirty-six pupils of ten years of age which gradually decreased until only seven remained who were eighteen years old, and they were found all the way from the eighth grade to the fourth year in the high school. For the alleviation of this, frequent promotions were made by the superintendent based upon both the age and ability of the pupils. This re-adjustment and promotion have proven to be rather a delicate task for almost as much harm may result from the advancement of pupils too rapidly as from their retardation. Often they prove to be mentally too young for the advanced grade of work, since it sometimes happens that a child old enough in years for a certain grade has not the mental development common to the age, and should thus be restrained to a certain degree. With few exceptions, the numerous promotions already made have proven satisfactorily which encourages other promotions in the near future.

The course of study issued by the state has been adopted as a guide to the work of the grades. With these four pamphlets has been issued a fifth, showing their adaption to the texts used in Newport. With the exception of a few

minor details, it is felt that the work of the grades can be readily adapted to the State Course. The "Admission, Discharge and Promotion Cards" approved by the State, have also been introduced so that in time it will be possible to secure a complete school record of each child.

The Progressive Road to Reading has been introduced with favorable results. This text furnishes an excellent preparation in the first four grades for the more difficult reading in other texts. It is felt that a text in primary arithmetic conforming more to the state course should be adopted and sample copies have already been submitted to the teachers for their consideration and approval. The geographies are somewhat the worse for wear and a new up-to-date text is needed. But anticipating numerous geographical changes due to the present world conflict, the purchase of a new text has been delayed.

Excellent progress has been made in the department of music the expense of which has already been amply justified. A visit by the parents to the schools during Miss Thorne's instruction period would fully corroborate the above statement. For a more detailed account of her work and plans, I would refer you to her report. The progress of the High School needs no comment. The exemplary cooperation of the parents in its various functions signifies their acquaintance with the fine work of the past year. Due to these activities, I have refrained from the organization of a Parent, Teacher Association but, at the earnest request of some of the parents, this organization has lately been formed and plans for its future activities are being formulated. It is anticipated that it will prove a valuable adjunct to the school system. I would refer you to the report of the high school principal for a detailed account of the present and future plans of his work.

In the eye and ear test already reported for this year it is found that more than eleven per cent. of the pupils are defective in eye sight. It often happens that the notice of this defect sent to the parents by the teacher with the suggestion that the child be fitted with glasses is disregarded. As a result the child often incurs serious injury to health and becomes deficient in its studies. Better results would obtain if this work were done by a regular physician.

The elimination of the "no school bell" has already proved an excellent change. The result will be a larger percentage of attendance with a corresponding improvement in all lines of the school work.

I am pleased to report a decided improvement in school conveyances. With one exception, the pupils are now amply protected from inclement weather by covered vehicles. An effort has been made to secure a like improvement in this latter instance but as yet not with a good success. A dissatisfaction has arisen because some requests for the conveyance of pupils have not been granted. Some of the citizens are under the impression that the school committees are compelled by law to convey all pupils living certain distances from schools, whereas the matter is left entirely to their own judgement or discretion, as may be seen from the following quotation ;

"The superintendent of schools in each town shall procure the conveyance of all common school pupils residing in his town, a part or the whole of the distance, to and from the nearest suitable school, for the number of weeks for which schools are maintained in each year, when such pupils reside at such distance from said school as in the judgement of the superintending school committee shall render such conveyance necessary." To convey all pupils living from a mile to a mile and a half from school would mean a large expenditure of money which cannot be afforded from available funds which even now are overdrawn. It may appear that an inconsistency exists because some pupils are conveyed who live only the above distance from the school but I think it will be found that they happen to live on a regular conveyance route for pupils living at a greater distance and so are included in the conveyance. In the expenditure of school funds, the committee's first consideration must necessarily be given to the hiring of suitable teachers, secondary to which must come the conveyance. This is good school policy, for a child is better off, both physically and mentally, to walk during fair weather, if only three days a week, to a good school than to ride five to a school taught by a teacher not efficient. This matter certainly needs the cooperation of the parents. An excellent spirit worthy of emulation is shown by those parents whose boys are walking from two and one half to three miles daily.

To the regret of the superintendent and to others, success does not always attend the selection of teachers, especially for the rural schools. In this connection the opinion has been expressed that the cost of maintaining the rural schools has not been proportionally fair, that the village pupils have been receiving more than their due and that therefore a larger salary should be paid the rural teacher. In answer to this I have included in the appended statistics the average weekly cost of pupils. Greater significance is given to these figures when we consider the statement made by a prominent citizen, familiar with town affairs, that almost three-fourths of the taxes are paid in the village.

Partly on account of former heavy overdrafts in the repair appropriations, an endeavor has been made to curtail as much as possible the expenses of this department. The coming year the Hubbard school house should be painted on the outside and the Coburn on the inside. To save the much needless eye-strain the present dark ceiling of the latter school should give place to one of a lighter color. I would again urge the importance of thoroughly renovating the toilet arrangements at this school. I would also call attention to the advantages of a union school for these districts. With the outlay of a comparatively small amount a new two room school building could be centrally erected containing practically all modern improvements, excellent plans for which have already been submitted at a moderate cost. It would be well for the parents of these communities to investigate this more fully before expending too much money on the repairs of these old buildings. Requests for a more modern desk have been made for the Gilman School which I feel should be heeded. The high school room should be equipped with slate black-boards. It will require about 250 square feet at eighteen cents per sq. foot, f. o. b. at the factory. I hope a sufficient appropriation will be raised for this purpose.

The excellent progress of the school work has been due to the untiring efforts of the teachers and cooperation of the parents. In closing I would express my appreciation of this and the help and interest given to the work during the past year by the School Committee.

Report of High School Principal

To the Superintendent of Schools :

I herewith submit my second annual report as principal of the Newport High School.

During the past year the courses and general work of the high school have broadened to a considerable extent. The need of a third teacher has been met and a commercial course added which more directly meets the needs of a large number of the pupils. Complete courses may now be taken in book-keeping, typewriting, stenography, penmanship, commercial arithmetic and commercial law. However good these things are, yet we must not rest here. The coming year should find the beginning of domestic science and manual training courses, either one or both. I believe at least one of these is possible. The room in the basement may very easily be cleared and enough apparatus installed for both domestic science and manual training at a slight expense. Give the boys a chance to work with their hands at carpentering or mechanical work and many more boys will remain in school.

It is very imperative that the laboratory be equipped with more tables. At present only four pupils can be accommodated comfortably and with the addition of the general science course this year and a large class in physics next year, this need must be met.

ATTENDANCE

The School year opened with an enrollment of forty. There are at present forty. The attendance has been exceptionally good. Tardiness is being reduced slowly but surely

RECREATION

The library and reading room have been moved into more spacious quarters and we now have a special room where 35 of the leading monthly and weekly magazines may be found, also the daily papers. It is to be hoped that the general public will take advantage of this room and use the magazines. You are given a cordial welcome to come in any afternoon or evening.

A magazine class is flourishing and each week the live questions of the day are discussed for one hour.

A great need has been met this winter in the opening of the recreation room at the high school. Here games of all kinds may be enjoyed and at all times under the supervision of the teachers and the superintendent. The central idea in the whole movement is to provide a place where clean wholesome amusements may be enjoyed under uplifting influences. The public is urged to use this room which will be found open every afternoon and evening.

I wish to thank those who contributed to the fund and thus made this new movement a success.

Socials and entertainments have been given throughout the year for the benefit of the piano which is being paid for slowly. Over \$80 has been paid by the scholars the past year.

A new tennis court has been made and plans for a third are under way.

Basket-ball teams have been formed by both the boys and the girls.

A stereopticon lantern has been purchased, also 600 stereographs with stereoscopes. These stereographs are to be used by all the grades and will make the teaching of history, geography, civics, nature, and many other studies much more interesting. Lectures have been given to the public with the aid of the lantern and have been generously supported. The proceeds of these lectures will go to purchase slides for use in school work.

The recreation room, the reading room, the lecture course are all tending to make the high school what it should be—a social and civic center of the life of the town. And it will become that when each one puts the high school above the minor interests of life. At the high school and amid its influences the characters of the boys and girls are being moulded. It therefore behooves each one of us to take an active interest in this larger work of the high school.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I wish to thank the superintendent

and school board for their hearty co-operation in every department of the school work.

I wish to express my appreciation to my assistants for their efforts to maintain the high standard of the school and for their devotion to the work of the school.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. R. Purinton, Principal.

To the School Committee and Superintendent of Schools.

I present my second annual report.

My work in your schools since writing my last report, has been most interesting and, on the whole pleasing.

It is not possible to make a talented musician of every child, any more than it is possible to make a brilliant English student or mathematician of every one. Yet because they have not great natural talent in these studies, is no reason why they should be neglected. On the other hand they must have a certain amount of training in these branches for the well rounding out of a good education.

It is not that we expect to make a brilliant song bird of every child, but we do expect to give these children something that will develop them as no other study can.

Develop them physically-mentally and spiritually.

Physically by the deep breathing exercises, which strengthens not only the lungs, but also strengthens the whole system.

Mentally, by the concentration of mind which must be developed for the quick perception of intervals in sight reading and marks in dynamics-phrasing and musical interpretation; and right here I would say to all who doubt that music has any mental development. I would urge such to visit the schools and ask the teachers to show them some of the work in sight reading.

Spiritually-by developing the spirit of the child to appreciate and love the beautiful. This is the most important, for the steady development in these children for the best things today, means better things in your community tomorrow. And here is the most pleasing part of my work in your schools this year, is the knowledge of the steadily grow-

ing tendency among the pupils for the appreciation of the best songs.

As for the work in the different schools and grades it has been varied. Some have improved faster than others. Out of fairness to the pupils I'll make no comments on the two schools at North Newport. The unsettled conditions through the fall and changing of teachers could not but have its effect. It has been hard for the present teachers and hard for the pupils.

The Gilman school is doing very good work and should this gain continuous for one year it will be a school worth visiting.

The East Newport Primary is a credit to itself and doubly so to the teacher.

The Grammar School under the same teacher has gained very steadily. The interest shown by the pupils of these two schools is most encouraging.

For my review of the grades in the village I would invite, yes, urge any who are interested and all who are in doubt to visit the schools on Fridays from 8.30 to 12 M.

I am much pleased to report that the High School is making excellent progress. Since the first of Jan. we have taken up sight reading and the beginning of the rudiments of music. A short lesson in this is conducted by one of the high school teachers every day. This work is taken up for the purpose of placing the pupils in a position where they can understand and appreciate a course in music appreciation so much desired by the High School Inspectors, and to aid them in sight reading.

The voice work is improving wonderfully and well it should for we have much material with which to built.

A thing of especial interest this year was the Convention of Music Supervisors east of the Kennebec at Bangor, Jan. 20th. Plans were made for a High School Musical Festival to be given at Bangor next October at the opening of the State Convention. Every High School which has music in its course will be drilled and trained for this Festival.

To our State Superintendent's knowledge the one

given last fall at Portland by High Schools west of the Kennebec was the first State Festival by High Schools ever given in the United States.

I am glad to announce that the Newport High School will assist in the second State Festival. That it will be a credit to your town I have no fears.

In closing let me say that I have found the teachers in general much interested and very conscientious in their work. The interest and helpfulness shown by our High School Principal has been beyond words to explain.

To our Superintendent I would here publicly express my deepest gratitude and appreciation for his kindly consideration and deep interest in my work.

Respectfully submitted,
Gertrude Thorne, Supervisor of Music

SCHOOL STATISTICS, FALL TERM 1914

SCHOOL	TEACHER	Salaries	Janitor	Fuel	Cost of Conveyance	Attendance	Average	Tardy	No Conveyed	Weeks	Weekly Average Cost
High	C. R. Purinton	\$1100	50	50	0	40	38	45	0	14	
"	1st Asst., Julia A. Campbell	\$504									
"	2nd " Madeline H. Walker	\$360									
Grammar	Vera Gray	\$12	12	20	3.50	34	30	34	1	12	44
Sub. Gram.	Jessie Gray	\$12				48	42	47	4	12	44
Intermediate	Mabel Dresser	\$12				40	35	26	0	11	44
Sub. Inter.	Helen Wheeler	\$10				53	46	35	1	11	44
Primary	Edith Olmsted	\$12				38	34	21	1	11	44
East Gram.	Florence Blaisdell	\$9	1	1	12.50	26	19	13	21	11	74
East Primary	Mary Tardy	\$9				18	15	3	13	11	74
Gilman	Beulah Crowell	\$9	.50	.50	9.50	14	13	5	12	11	1.39
Coburn	Leroy Thomas	\$9	.50	.50	5	22	17	21	8	7	68
Hubbard	Mary Tasker	\$8	.50	.50	0	13	11	35	0	9	62

NOTE: The weekly cost is reckoned on the basis of the items paid for from the common school funds, namely, teachers' salaries janitor services, fuel and conveyance. The weekly cost of these are grouped for the village and East Newport schools and the average given for the full number of pupils,

Respectfully Submitted,
William C. McCue

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE
NEWPORT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

For the year ending Feb. 10th, 1915

Receipts

Feb. 10th 1914	Cash in Waterville Trust Co	\$ 34.37
Feb. 10th 1914	Cash in Kenduskeag Trust Co.	380.06
	Rec'd from Librarian, (fines for year)	23.75
	Rec'd from Town	250.00
	Rec'd from State	50.00
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		\$ 738.18

Disbursements

Feb. 10th 1915	Paid for books and Magazines for the year	\$ 302.77
Feb. 10th 1915	Paid for supplies and running expenses	110.05
Feb. 10th 1915	Cash in Waterville Trust Co.	17.18
Feb. 10th 1915	Cash in Kenduskeag Trust Co.	308.18
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		\$738.18

Respectfully submitted,
W. R. MORRILL, Treasurer

